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Olsen... six years with CIA's Dulles.

## Former Official Reporter of CIA Chief Visits in Bluffs

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A former Bluffs man, who perhaps has been privy to as many high state secrets as any one living today, is visiting his mother here this week.

M. Eugene Olsen, son of Mrs. Florence Olsen, 408 Franklin Avenue, was the official shorthand reporter for Allan Dulles, chief of the Central Intelligence Agency, from 1952 to 1957.

Other portions of his career include:

—Court reporter for the International Military Tribunal in Tokyo for the trials of ex-Premier Tojo and other Japanese military and

—Participation in the Roosevelt-Churchill conferences in Quebec near the end of World War II.

—An assignment to a special presidential mission which made an extensive tour of republics of South America.

—Reporter for the Joint Chief of Staffs and the Combined Chiefs of Staff in Washington in 1952-53.

Now employed as a court reporter in Oregon, Mr. Olsen arrived here from Florida where he was awarded an honorary degree from Jones College, Miami. He is on the college advisory board for the Department of Court Reporting.

his career when he won the Iowa typing contest in Des Moines in 1938. He, was graduated from Creighton University with a journalism major, then completed his academic work for a Master's Degree in English literature at the University of Omaha.

He said he is certified as a court reporter in more states than any other reporter in the nation. He took his court reporting schooling in Des Moines.

Mr. Olsen holds the Army Commendation Medal for his service at the Embassy in Ottawa during World War II.

He was fourth in the national championship speed contest for stenotype reporters in July.

Mr. Olsen recalled that the contest was rough.

It involved three five-minute takes at dictated speeds of 220 words per minute on literary matter, 240 words per minute on court charges to a jury and 280 words per minute on two-voice courtroom testimony.

He said he was third on the literary section and placed .85 of a point behind the 1964 champion on two-voice testimony.

Besides his mother, two sisters, Mrs. Elaine Christensen and Mrs. Dorothy Roe, also live in the Bluffs.

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